

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-88 (canceled).

89. (New) An apparatus for making a sandwich from two slices of bread, said apparatus comprising a platen designed to receive a first slice of said bread, said platen having a sealing surface surrounding a central portion, a first slice dispenser to deposit a first slice of bread on said platen such that only a portion of said first slice of said bread lies over said central portion, a first food dispenser to deposit a mass of a base food spread onto said first slice of bread above said central portion of said platen and at least partially spaced inwardly of said sealing surface, a second food dispenser to deposit a mass of an intermediate food spread on said first food spread at least partially inwardly of a peripheral edge of said base food spread, a top food dispenser to deposit a mass of a top food spread over said intermediate food spread to substantially encapsulate said intermediate food spread between said top and base food spreads, and a second slice dispenser to deposit a second slice of bread on said top food spread.

90. (New) The apparatus as defined in claim 89, wherein said top and base food spreads are substantially the same and said intermediate food spread is different from said top and base food spreads.

91. (New) The apparatus as defined in claim 90, wherein said top and base food spreads include nut butter and said intermediate food spread includes jelly.

92. (New) The apparatus as defined in claim 89, including a cutter to cut said first and second bread slices substantially in unison about a cutting surface of said platen that is adjacent said sealing surface of said platen.

93. (New) The apparatus as defined in claim 90, including a cutter to cut said first and second bread slices substantially in unison about a cutting surface of said platen that is adjacent said sealing surface of said platen.

94. (New) The apparatus as defined in claim 92, wherein said cutter at least partially removes crust from at least one of said bread slices.

95. (New) The apparatus as defined in claim 93, wherein said cutter at least partially removes crust from at least one of said bread slices.

96. (New) The apparatus as defined in claim 89, including a pressure plate to at least partially press together a region spaced inwardly of an outer peripheral edge of said first and second bread slices by forcing said first and second bread slices against said pressure surface of said platen, said region substantially absent said base, intermediate and top layers of food spread.

97. (New) The apparatus as defined in claim 93, including a pressure plate to at least partially press together a region spaced inwardly of an outer peripheral edge of said first and second bread slices by forcing said first and second bread slices against said pressure surface of said platen, said region substantially absent said base, intermediate and top layers of food spread.

98. (New) The apparatus as defined in claim 96, wherein said pressure plate includes spaced projections to form spaced pressure points in at least one of said bread slices as said first and second bread slices are forced together.

99. (New) The apparatus as defined in claim 97, wherein said pressure plate includes spaced projections to form spaced pressure points in at least one of said bread slices as said first and second bread slices are forced together.

100. (New) The apparatus as defined in claim 89, wherein said central portion of said platen is at least partially recessed and has a depth that receives at least a portion of said one slice of said bread.

101. (New) The apparatus as defined in claim 99, wherein said central portion of said platen is at least partially recessed and has a depth that receives at least a portion of said one slice of said bread.

102. (New) The apparatus as defined in claim 100, wherein said recessed portion has a substantially inverted dome shape.

103. (New) The apparatus as defined in claim 89, wherein said sealing surface is substantially flat.

104. (New) The apparatus as defined in claim 99, wherein said sealing surface is substantially flat.